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WHO WAS UNTIL LAST JULY A MEMBER OF THE COLLEGE DES AVOCATS OF KAUNAS AND WHO CURRENTLY LIVES IN THE US, WAS REQUIRED TO INVOLVE HIMSELF IN THE CASE OF FATHER Z D E B S K I, A LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC PRIEST PERSECUTED ALONG WITH OTHERS BECUASE HE WAS EXERCISING HIS MINISTRY (ARTICLE 124 OF THE CONSTITUTION GUARANTEES FREEDOM OF WORSHIP.) 'IN MY CAPACITY AS HEAD OF THE KAUNAS COURT,' SAID MR. KAUNAS, 'I WAS CALLED BEFORE THE PARTY COMMITTEE. I WAS TOLD, AND SUCH WAS ALSO THE OPINION OF THE KGB, THAT I SHOULD DISMISS FROM ZDEBKIS' DEFENSE THE LAWYER IN WHOM HE HAD CONFIDENCE AND REPLACE HIM BY ANOTHER WHO WOULD HANDLE THE DEFENSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LEADERSHIP'S DIRECTIVES'..."

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